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DOJ,

I am a consumer and have been a computer user and small system designer since the early days of PCs. One of the greatest things that happened in our world was when Microsoft software was selected through choice by users as the dominant operating system and as the final choice for office applications such as Word, Excel, Power Point, etc. Before that occurred, it was nearly impossible for inter agency and cross agency information sharing and for connection of various system. The same thing is true with browsers.

I am tired of seeing the United States Government in the form of the Department of Justice taking sides between Microsoft and its competitors in the software market place. I have bought and will continue to purchase very good Microsoft software as excellent values for their cost in place of software produced by other publishers. For years because Microsoft has given and continues to give the best value for the dollar spent. And, I am one hell of a lot better judge of that than is the US Department of Justice, the State of California, or Microsoft's competitors.

The action taken by DOJ against Microsoft isn't just unfair, it distorted the entire idea of a monopoly. It is literally unAmerican to use the Government Monopoly in a such a fashion.

From my point of view the agreement which has been accepted by Microsoft is unfair to Microsoft. I believe, the agreement, do to the idiocy of the Department of Justice, the Courts, and other branches of government will result in higher prices, and the sniveling of competitors will result in shoddier and higher priced products for consumers. However, an agreement has been forged and accepted by Microsoft.

So, Get on with the agreement as it has been made and stop listening to whining and complaining of Microsoft competitors and other government units, such as the State of California, that are trying to get additional money for their own political purposes. They surely don't care about me or the other consumers who already chose Microsoft in a free market place. They are concerned only about themselves.

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